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## TOWN MEETING HAS ITS OWN MIND PASSES MOTION FOR INVESTIGATION SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION—HOUSING

The call for a special meeting of the town last Friday evening in the Town Hall brought out the large number of voters that have attended a special meeting in many years. Nearly 300 were present and 171 cast their ballots on a far reaching motion, introduced by Ralph Leach, which calls for representatives from every school district, together with one member of the school committee and one selectmen, to carefully study the matter of the consolidation of our schools and the housing problem connected with them. This committee will be fully constituted and named not later than next Monday at noon, when the provisions for its naming have been carried out. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at exactly 8 o'clock and the Town Clerk read the warrant containing the following two articles:

Article 1: To see what action the town will take to replace the Centre school building recently burned and consider consolidation of all grade schools in one building or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 2: To see if the town will raise or appropriate a sum of money for use of a committee for preliminary work or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

After the first article was presented for consideration by the Moderator, Mr. Leach gained the floor and offered the following motion which was carried by a vote of 121 yeas, 45 nays and 5 blanks.

"That a committee of seven be chosen to consider and investigate thoroughly the problem of the entire school system in regard to consolidation and housing and to prepare recommendations to be presented at a town meeting to be held at such time as the committee is ready to report; that the committee consist of one selectman, one member of the school committee, and one representative other than town officials from each section of the town to be chosen by the people in each school district within 10 days, and if not chosen in that time, to be appointed by the moderator." On motions carried, the vote was by ballot and the Selectman, selected, was to act as chairman of the committee. Article two was passed over and now the whole proposition of the kind of a new school needed, will depend on the studies made by the committee. When the committee finishes its work a signed report will be made with recommendations, which will be offered at another special meeting of the town for consideration and decision. Each school district is calling its own meeting and some have already been held. By next Monday noon, these names will have been filed with the Town Clerk and the Committee than completed. The school districts are West Northfield, East Northfield, Center and districts three and four at Northfield Farms. Miss C. Ina Merriman and George W. Carr were the tellers at the meeting.

At the time of going to press, nominations have been made to the committee and confirmed as follows: School committee, Sidney Given, District No. 3 James E. Dresser, District No. 4 Ralph O. Leach, West Northfield Fred I. Bolton, East Northfield Max L. Huber.

## Red Cross In County Ready For Any Disaster

Last week in the Press was announced the reappointment of the Northfield Disaster committee and now the entire organization is announced for the county by John W. Haigis, general chairman.

With Mr. Haigis on the general committee are Albert M. Darling of Sunderland, L. Frank Chevalier of Greenfield, A. P. Pitt of East Northfield, Miss Anna Koch of Greenfield and Frank J. O'Neil of the American Legion. Several sub committees are also announced having in charge the various departments of relief. The following is the roster of the various town committees:

Charlemon, Frank J. Wells, Mrs. Gladys B. Matthews, Mrs. Ruth I. Kilgore, William R. Burt; Colrain, Clifford W. Avery and Mrs. Madeline Lawson; Deerfield, Edward E. Rankin, Carlos Allen, Mrs. Edward Rice; Erving, Chas. H. Holmes, Chauncey B. Turner, William J. McLaughlin; Gill, Prof. R. R. Hatch, Mrs. Lyman Hale, Earle Squires, Richard Clapp, and Dorilla Paul; Millers Falls, H. J. Ward, Michael W. Carroll, Dr. Warren D. Thomas, William Connor; Northfield, William F. Hoehn, George W. Carr, A. Gordon Moody; Orange, Frank A. Howe, Roy W. French, Robert McGregor, Jr., Howard P. Warren, Herbert Johnson; L. B. Horrigan, Arthur A. Steinberg; Shelburne Falls, Wm. H. Buker, Thomas W. Watkins, W. P. Rickett, Herbert Ware, Walter Legate, George Mirick, Guy Downer, Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. Guy Downer, Mrs. Mary Field, Rev. Harold Hannum; Sunderland, Frank W. Darling, A. W. Hubbard, H. C. Pomeroy; Turners Falls, Arthur E. Burke, Thomas W. Bean, Charles Higginbotham; Whately, William E. Sanderson, William L. Dickinson, Jr.

## Mount Hermon School Graduation Speaker

It is announced that James Lee Ellenwood, State Secretary of the Young Mens Christian Association for the state of New York has been selected by the Senior class (1940) as their commencement speaker for graduation next June. This is the second time Mr. Ellenwood has been selected in similar capacity, the first being by the class of 1939. Mr. Ellenwood who has visited Mount Hermon at frequent intervals is popular with the students and they always accord him a royal welcome. Last January he addressed the students here at their Sunday chapel services.

## Correspondent Resigns

After a service of about forty years as news correspondent for the town of Northfield for the Springfield Republican, Charles C. Stearns resigns the appointment effective immediately. He is the longest in service in this town of any representative of any newspaper and he has covered many events that have taken place in Northfield. What an interesting fund of information Mr. Stearns might reveal of the happenings during his many years of efficient service.

## Speakers Thrill Members Of Historical Society As Guests of Bronsons

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. George A. Bronson were hosts to the members of the Northfield Historical Society at the Inn on Wednesday evening. A fine turkey dinner was served at six-thirty o'clock and immediately afterward the assemblage filled the spacious hall to listen to the guests of the evening, Judge Thompson of the County Probate Court, who is President of the Pocumtuck Memorial Association of Deerfield and Prof. Horace H. Morse of this town, a member of the faculty of Mount Hermon school. Judge Thompson spoke of the recent acquisition of the historical and ancient Frary house of old Deerfield by the Memorial association and of its early opening for visitation by the public. He invited the local Historical Society to be guests on their annual pilgrimage in June and the proffer was accepted and with other similar societies in the county will meet as a federated body. Prof. Morse gave a most interesting biography of the life of John Stoddard of Northampton and of Northfield, who was one of the early Town Clerks of this town. Although little is known of him among our people, he was the most prominent citizen, soldier, diplomat of his time. It was he, who was constantly confronted with the Indian problem and kept this valley at peace with the red man for many years. A vote of thanks was extended the speakers and to Dr. and Mrs. Bronson for their hospitality. Dr. Bronson is President of the Historical Society and Miss Priscilla Colton, clerk.

Children's coats: Janet Spencer, rose coat and hat; Rose Mary Mroczek, navy coat and hat; Nina Pearsall, navy reffer coat; Shirley Purrington, navy cape cuit; Winona Robbins, military blue coat.

Women's coats: Miss Avery, navy fitted junior coat; Mrs. Durgin, navy coat; Miss Leach, beige coat, red belt; Mrs. Spencer, grey plaid coat; Mrs. Tate, tan Bagaru coat; Mrs. Mayberry, navy coat; Mrs. Truesdale, blue Bagaru coat; Mrs. Deming, blue shagmoor coat; Mrs. Marston, rainbow tweed coat.

Women's daytime dresses: Miss Avery blue chambray stripe; Mrs. Durgin, blue spun rayon; Miss Leach, blue pique; Mrs. Spencer, printed spun rayon; Mrs. Mayberry, maize polka dot dress; Mrs. Tate, brown plaid; Mrs. Deming, aqua spun rayon; Mrs. Truesdale, brown seersucker; Mrs. Marston, rose spun rayon.

Children's sportswear: Janet Spencer, kiddies pale blue dress; Rose Mary Mroczek, wool flannel suit; Nina Pearsall, rose spun dress; Shirley Purrington, rose skirt, jacket; Winona Robbins, blue skirt, knit sweater.

Evening wear: Mrs. Deming, black crepe dinner dress; Miss Avery, pink taffeta evening dress; Mrs. Durgin, blue lace dress; Mrs. Truesdale, black evening dress; Mrs. Mayberry, rose crepe dinner dress; Mrs. Spencer, jersey dinner dress.

## Hermonite Wins Third

The Hermonite, the student paper of Mount Hermon school, was entered in the national contest of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York last week, when similar publications from all over the country are exhibited and judged. Arthur Dietz, the editor in chief and Samuel Colegrove, Jr., the business manager of the Hermonite were in New York to attend the annual conference. After the judging, it was announced that the Hermonite had won third place in the division of private schools, and the award of a medal and ribbon was made last Saturday at a luncheon at the Commodore Hotel in New York. Copies of the winning publications are on display at Columbia University.

## Schools Vacations

Spring vacations at the Northfield Schools began this week with the Mount Hermon students leaving campus on Wednesday, March 20 and the Seminary girls going to their homes on Thursday. The boys return on April 1st and the Seminary reopens on the 2nd.

Among the Seminary faculty members who will travel some distance during the spring recess are Miss Helen Proctor who will go to Miami, Mlle. Marguerite Liniger and Miss Elizabeth Homet who are driving to Wyalusing, Pa., Mrs. Ruth Reed who has left for Chattanooga, Tenn., Miss Lucy Titcomb who will spend her vacation in Maine, and Mrs. Laura C. Tenney, who plans to visit her daughter in Charleston, S. C.

## Annual Style Show Furnished Suggestions For Coming Season

The annual Style Show of the Fortnightly was held in the Town Hall last Friday afternoon with the exhibition of many gowns, dresses, coats, etc. given by the staff of Wilson in Greenfield. A number of the employees of the firm attended and assisted in the display. There was a large attendance and all expressed themselves as highly pleased with the display of the enterprising firm. Arrangements for this year's Style Show were in charge of Miss Anne Mattoon assisted by a committee. There were five divisions of showings, and the participants in each with the garments worn, were as follows:

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The 1940 Fortnightly Style Show will be remembered as perhaps the most successful event of its kind held here for many years.

## Eastern Star Session

Northfield chapter O. E. S. will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday evening, March 27 at 7:45. The Demolay chapter from Greenfield will exemplify a Mother's service at 8:45, to which all Eastern Star members and Masons are invited. The refreshment committee for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Harris and Mrs. Lena Moor.

## The Brotherhood

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held its regular monthly session Tuesday evening. Supper was served at the usual time and after the transaction of routine business, M. L. Gallagher directed a Glee Club of Mount Hermon students in a program of negro spirituals and chants. There were selections by solo, duet and double quartet.

## Northfield Players Will Produce "Tish" Well Selected Cast

Next Monday and Tuesday evenings at eight o'clock at the Town Hall, the Northfield Players will present the play "Tish", dramatized by Alice Chadwicke from Mary Roberts Rinehart's book, of the same name. The play will be a pleasing production and will delight all who are fortunate enough to be in attendance. It is given for the benefit of the high school senior class Washington trip fund which still lacks sufficient money to pay expenses. The Senior class hope to have in hand all needed funds before starting on their visit to Washington on April 12th. The scene of the play "Tish" is in a hotel along the Mexican border in the state of Texas. In the cast are Mrs. George Carr, Evelyn Lawley, Julia Austin, Helen Pearson, Grace Johnson, Lewis Wood, Ruth Avery, Sam Truesdell, Glena Gibon, Walter Harding, Dean Williams, Helen Cembalyst and Donald Finch. There has been a large sale of tickets in advance and it is expected that full houses will greet the players on both evenings.

The story of Tish reads as follows: Tish buys a second hand car, and with her companions Aggie and Lizzie tours the Southwest. They have so many mishaps on the way, that Tish's nephew, Charlie Sands, is notified. He starts flying south in his airplane. Sands arrives first at "The Eagle Hotel"—finds a girl to his liking; discovers that his Aunt Tish has not arrived; has motor trouble with his plane, and stores it in a barn on the Hotel property. Much later Tish has an accident with it. Shortly things begin to happen. Tish arrives amid a shower of glass—having captured a bandit in the region. He turns out to be the sheriff. Things keep getting hotter until they are boiling. So are Aggie and Lizzie at all the paces Tish puts them through. It is only a short step from horseback riding to setting up exercises. Then to amuse herself Tish suspects several as the bandit operating in the vicinity, and at last in triumph produces the right one; only after causing much discomfort to her friends and enemies.

## Next Pioneer Symphony Early Next Month

The third concert in the Premiere series by the Pioneer Valley Symphony under the sponsorship of the Greenfield Kiwanis club will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 7th at the Greenfield High School auditorium. The soloist at this concert will be Harold A. Leslie, concert violinist, and the conductor of the symphony. A graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Mr. Leslie is widely known in Western Massachusetts as a teacher and for his violin recitals. It has been largely through his efforts that the Young People Symphony and the Pioneer Valley Symphony have been formed. The large number of ticket holders for this series of concerts have another real treat to look forward to and this community will have a goodly number in the audience. Tickets may be reserved here by telephoning Mrs. Russell Durgin at Glenwood Ave. Miss Helen Durgin and E. S. Frary are members of the personell of the symphony.

## FINNISH-POLISH PROGRAM IS RECEIVED AT TOWN HALL MEETING LAST SUNDAY SPEAKERS HELD AUDIENCE'S INTEREST

A largely attended meeting in the interest of the Finnish and Polish relief problems was held in the Town Hall last Sunday afternoon. A large proportion of the audience was made up of our Polish residents. The speakers were Dr. Marie S. Gutowska of the faculty of the University of Warsaw, who spoke of historical Poland and its present problems and Prof. Carl D. Thompson of the faculty of Mount Hermon school who spoke on Finland. Mr.



Dr. Marie S. Gutowska

Hoehn, Chairman of the local Hoover Finnish Relief committee presided and with him on the stage were Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, who pronounced the invocation, Charles Repeta of the local Polish Relief committee and Dr. A. H. Wright and L. P. Goodspeed of the local executive committee. Dr. Gutowska, whose career was recounted in a previous issue of the Press, and who is at present doing research work at the State College at Amherst, was given a most cordial greeting. With a charming personality and vivacious manner, she won the audience who listened intently to her remarks. She reviewed the historical background of Poland, its struggles and triumphs and the part taken by Polish citizens in the affairs of the world. In the cause of freedom, religion, art, music and education, she mentioned the names of those who have benefitted mankind. She spoke of Poland's present condition but ended with these words,

"Poland has a soul, Poland is not lost." Prof. Thompson spoke of Finland and its heroic peoples. His talk was of a study of its past and present, but concerned largely the plight of its population under the conditions brought about by the war and the problems confronting the nation since the conclusion of peace with Russia. He urged all Americans to prove that our neutrality need not strengthen our selfishness. The musical portion of the program preceded the addresses. The audience sang America, with Herbert Ripley as cornetist, Mrs. E. P. Goodspeed at the piano and Mrs. Donald Williams, directing. Miss Helen Durgin, with her mother, Mrs. Russell Durgin at the piano, rendered as a violin solo, Handels Sonata No. 1, the adagio and allegro movements most acceptably and won hearty applause. Lorin Clark of Amherst with his fine tonal qualities of voice sang "My Task" and Handels "Largo". Mrs. Goodspeed accompanied. The Women's Chorus of the Fortnightly sang "Finlandia" by Sibelius in a very pleasing manner. Mrs. Williams directed and Mrs. Goodspeed was at the piano. The chorus consisted of Mrs. Lopez, Mrs. Eastman, Mrs. Truesdale, Miss Dalton, Miss Briesmaster, Miss Hubbard, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Savcheff, Mrs. Shattuck, Mrs. Hurlbut, Mrs. Briesmaster, Mrs. Mayberry, Miss Buck, and Miss Kremen. At the close of the meeting the Women's chorus led the audience in the hymn "God bless America."

The ushers at the meeting were from the Youth Hostel, dressed in folk costume and were the Misses Helen Detweiler, Betty Darling, Marion Kumin and Helen Conley. Mrs. Walter W. Hyde, who is the Treasurer of the committee received several contributions at the door for the relief funds of both causes and will be glad to have any further assistance if sent to her at the Bookstore. Mr. Goodspeed had in charge a number of Finnish maps for disposal. It was a fine meeting in behalf of both Finland and Poland and the local committee desires to express its appreciation through the Press to all who assisted in making it such a worthy success. Mrs. Ross L. Spencer went to Amherst to bring Dr. Gutowska to Northfield and after the meeting she was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody at the hotel, who returned her to Amherst.

## The Polhemus Funeral Was Largely Attended

Russell Sage chapel on the Seminary campus was well filled last Sunday afternoon at two o'clock for the funeral service of Lester A. Polhemus, who died last week at Miami, Fla., while vacationing there during the winter season for his health with his wife. Mr. Polhemus was Superintendent of grounds and properties of the Northfield schools and had rendered a loyal service for many years. The front of the chapel was a profusion of beautiful flowers in loving remembrance of the deceased. Miss Marian Keller presided at the organ and rendered selections at the opening of the services, in which Rev. Harold B. Ingalls read the Scripture, and the sermon and prayer was given by Rev. Robert Bonner Jack. The bearers were George McEwan, George W. Carr, Carroll Rikert, A. Gordon Moody, M. David Birdsall and A. Wilton Deane. Ushers at the church were Edgar J. Livingston and Albin Franz. After friends had paid their last respect, the body was taken to the family plot in Center cemetery, where the committal services were conducted by Harmony Lodge of Masons, of which Mr. Polhemus had been a member.

## Finds An Old Print

L. P. Goodspeed is exhibiting in his watchshop on Parker Ave. an old lithographic print, in color, of Abraham Lincoln, bearing the caption "Republican candidate for the 16th President of the United States." A date of issue is readable in fine print as 1856. Mr. Goodspeed found the old print nailed inside of an old barn in Orange, some years ago and has carefully preserved it. A visitor who once viewed the copy, stamped it as a rare issue and offered to purchase, but Mr. Goodspeed has decided to retain the same in his possession. It is certainly a historical poster.

## Lewis C. Munn Dies Was Native Of Gill

Lewis Chandler Munn, formerly of Gill, but for the past four years residing in Greenfield died last Friday evening at the Franklin county hospital after an illness of several months. He was 62 years of age. Born in Gill on July 12, 1887 he was the son of Chandler S. and Ellen (Moore) Munn. He had conducted the Munn farm for many years and was one of Gill's best known prominent citizens. His wife, the former Lena Foster, died last January. Mr. Munn was a member of the Guiding Star Grange and of the Gill Methodist church. He is survived by one daughter, Miss Francis Munn, at home; a sister, Mrs. Lucy May of Bernardston, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in C. E. McCarthy funeral home, with Rev. Herbert B. Morrell, pastor of the First Congregational church in Turners Falls, officiating. Burial was in the North Cemetery in Gill.

## Sigma Delta Play Successful

The Sophomore dramatic society, Sigma Delta Epsilon, presented a modern Hungarian play, "The Seven Sisters" by Edith Ellis, at Silverthorne Hall, at the Seminary last Saturday evening. The girls who took part in the production were Bobbe Mundhenk of Rutherford, N. J.; Bette Osborne of New York City; Janet Taylor of Toledo, Ohio; Ruth White of Bethel, Conn.; Wilma Cozad of Lowell; Betty Lyman of Middlefield, Conn.; Christine Shats of Rye, N. Y.; Dorcas Platt of Pittsfield; Betsy Ann Walker of Keyport, N. J.; Mary Henderson of Sewickley, Pa.; Virginia Osborne of New York City; Marybeth Bookhout of East Williston, N. Y.; and Evelyn Fenner of the Dominican Republic. Miss Eva Freeman directed the play.

## THE NORTHFIELD PLAYERS PRESENT

Mary Roberts Rinehart's

## "Tish"

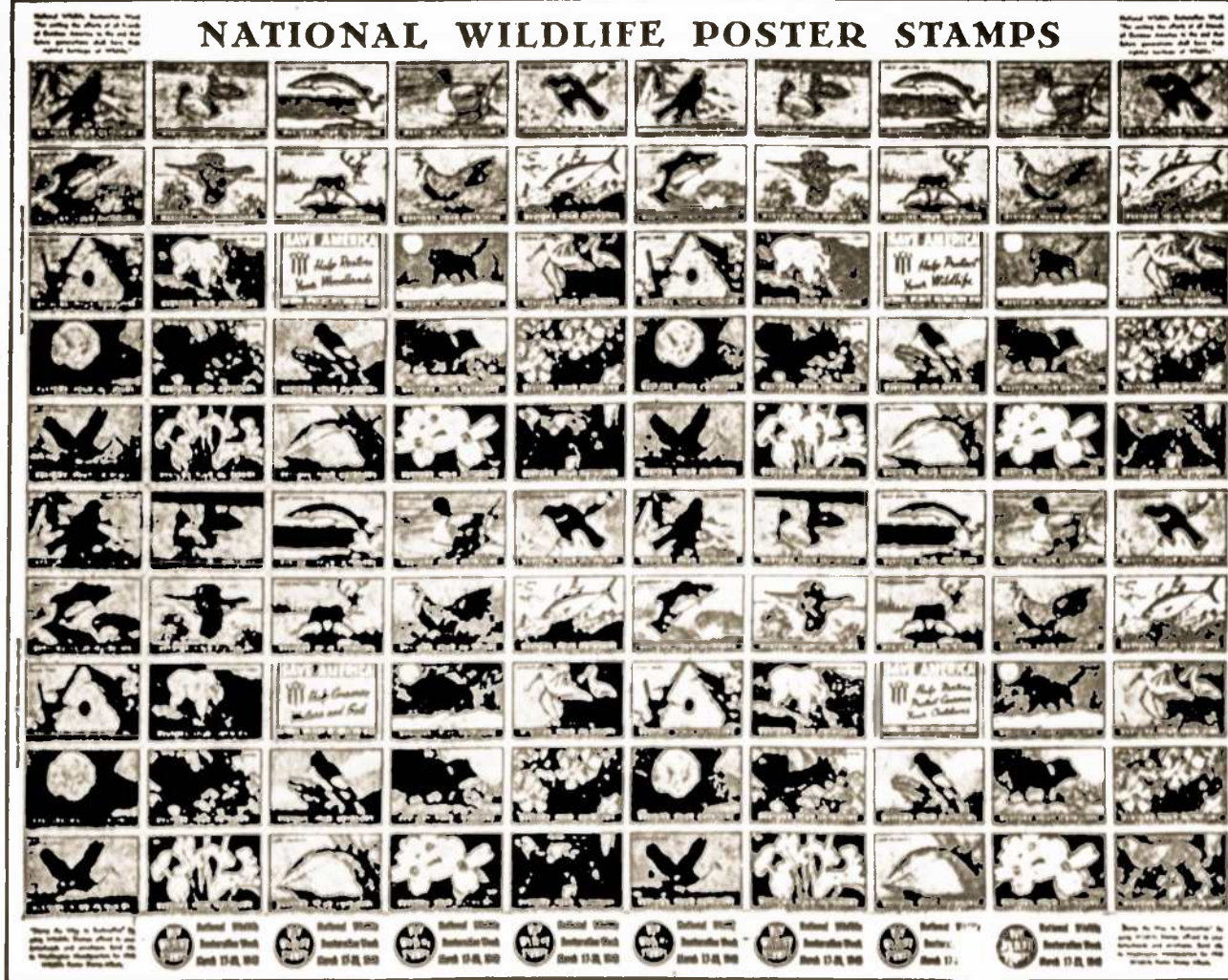
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## TOWN TOPICS

Rev. Dr. David B. Tomkins of Winchester road was the guest preacher at the First Congregational church in Greenfield last Sunday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean left yesterday for a motor vacation going to Miami, Fla. His office will be closed until April 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Lazelle have returned to their home on Glenwood Ave. after spending several weeks in Florida.

Among the many from this town who visited the Flower Show at Boston last week and whose names have not been mentioned are Miss Sophie Servaes, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Porter, Mrs. Robert Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Forsaith. They all are enthusiastic over the beautiful display.

A. Gordon Moody, manager of the Northfield Hotel attended the recreational conference at Amherst State College last week-end and was a speaker at the Saturday morning session.

Northfield has at least one citizen of Finnish descent. The fact was discovered last week.

Harmony Lodge of Masons met Wednesday evening in regular session at Masonic hall, transacted the usual business and entered candidates.

Next Tuesday evening the 12th Lodge of Instruction for members of the Masonic fraternity will be held with Bay State lodge at Montague. The speaker will be Major Charles S. Coulter. His subject "Freemasonry in the World War."

A number of our residents continue to find that their water pipes still remain frozen and they are carrying water.

Many from this town enjoyed the talk by Frank Conklin of Deerfield academy at the meeting of the Ladies Literary society of Mount Hermon held last week Thursday evening when the members entertained their husbands and friends.

The annual co-operative examinations at Mount Hermon school were held this week from Monday to Wednesday, previous to the spring vacation which ends April 1st.

Local Republicans are interested to learn that Major Edward D. Sirois of Lawrence has been chosen to serve as Chairman of the Republican State Committee to succeed George W. Schryver of Williamstown who has become associate public works commissioner. Sinclair Weeks of Newton has been nominated as national committeeman to succeed Cong. J. W. Martin, Jr., who resigned because of pressure of work at Washington.

The Ladies Benevolent society of Northfield Farms are to give a supper, open to the public, to help the high school seniors on their Washington trip fund.

Miss Bernice Webster of New York City will spend part of the Easter vacation with her mother here.

Mrs. E. B. H. Jenkins who has spent the winter at St. Petersburg, Fla., is returning to her home at Jackson Heights, N. Y., for a stay previous to coming to Northfield to reopen her home here.

Monroe Smith drove up to Franconia Notch to ski on Cannon Mountain last week end. He was accompanied by Miss Faith Owers, Miss Martha Hoagland, Jack Hanna, and Steven Smith who was the youngest skier on the slopes.

Miss Edna Grodman and Miss Virginia Mahringer hiked along the Green River Rd. to the hostel at East Colrain Saturday.

Members of the AYH staff held a musical evening Thursday with recordings of Cesar Franck's D Minor Symphony and Mozart's Symphony No. 40.

A meeting of the Franklin-Hampshire Council, American Legion Auxiliary was held in Northampton Thursday.

Mrs. John E. Nye of Main St. has returned from her visit to Florida, where she spent the winter season at St. Petersburg.

Charles Woodard has returned to his home here after a stay at the Franklin County hospital where he was treated for an infection.

The members of the Ladies Literary Society of Mount Hermon have been invited to attend as guests the meeting of the Fortnightly on April 5th.

Wednesday was the first day of spring and although the air is cool and the north wind cold, the days are nevertheless pleasant when the sun shines. The snow and sleet which fell heavily throughout the county the first of the week is rapidly melting.

Holy week services were held at the Congregational church each evening this week. Tuesday evening the speaker was Dr. George A. Bronson, Wednesday Rev. A. L. Truesdell, Thursday, communion and this Friday, Dr. David Tomkins.

Members of the Girl Scout Council met with Mrs. A. P. Pitt at the Homestead on Monday evening.

There will be a meeting of the teachers of the Sunday School of the Congregational church next Monday evening in the church vestry. A. P. Pitt will give a preview of the lessons for April.

Miss Ellen C. Bolton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bolton who is a student nurse, is at the Mary Lane hospital in Ware, for a year for instruction in bedside nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody went to New York to visit the Flower Show in Grand Central Palace. They report it as a magnificent display.

Richard Buffum has become the correspondent for the Springfield Republican in Northfield and vicinity and will carry on in connection with his work of photography.

Dr. T. Z. Koo, Chinese scholar and lecturer, who spent much of last week here at the Seminary and Mount Hermon school spoke at State College vespers services in Amherst last Sunday.

Keeping ahead of the spring thaw, workmen were busy above the Vernon dam last week cutting the thick river ice into 100 foot squares, to facilitate the flow of water and the break up of the ice.

William Ripley, Jr. of the U. S. Navy, who is assigned to the Wichita, now at the navy yard in Philadelphia for repairs is spending a ten day furlough at his home here.

Mrs. Josephine Webster who has been visiting her daughter, Miss Bernice Webster in New York City returned to her home last week Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright were in Boston last weekend, visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence White, and also attended the Flower Show.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Doolittle returned from their vacation trip to Florida. They visited his brother Illinois upon their way back and report a tremendous amount of snow along the highways on the northern route.

The flag on the staff on the Seminary campus has been at half mast last weekend owing to the death of Mr. Polhemus.

The Reading club met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. Stanley Carne on Wednesday afternoon of last week when the program was directed by Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Coe. Mr. Jones reviewed the book "The Nazarene" by Asch.

A Hobby Show is again being planned at Mount Hermon school to be presented during Parents weekend sometime in May.

The Fortnightly will hold its next meeting on Friday, April 5 in Alexander Hall at 3 o'clock when there will be a "radio talk" by Marion Bertha Clark. The tea hostesses will be Mrs. McCastline, Mrs. McNeil and Miss Brann.

Miss Jeanette Townsend of Flushing, N. Y. is spending a few days in town looking after some improvements to be made at the Townsend property on Rustic Ridge.

Hermon Fisher and Luckey O. Clapp attended the meetings for fruit growers at Mass. State college, Amherst, this week.

"The Blue-bird" Maurice Maeterlinck's great human story will be seen in the movie version at the Lathis Theatre in Brattleboro for four days beginning Saturday. It is a truly great motion picture.

The executive council of the Franklin County Extension Service were guests of Mrs. Martin E. Vorce at her home on Main St. on Wednesday for a luncheon and an all day meeting, for the transaction of regular business.

Dr. F. Wilton Dean was the speaker at the meeting of the WCTU held at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle on Wednesday afternoon.

Lorin Clark of Amherst, accompanied by his father and mother, were guests at the home of Mrs. R. G. McCastline last Sunday.

Postmaster Skilton was in Springfield Wednesday and while there met the Postmaster General James Farley.

A public supper was served at the Unitarian church last night.

## Card of Thanks

We desire to express our sincere appreciation of the many kindnesses shown by dear friends, for flowers, and other remembrances, in our recent bereavement.

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James Dresser, George Sheldon, and Luckey O. Clapp spent Saturday at the recreational conference at the Mass. State college.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller and family attended the wedding of Mr. Miller's brother, Francis L. to Emmeline Day, in Greenfield last Sunday.

Russell Durgin of this town was one of the students of Mount Hermon school who participated in a students recital of music Monday evening in the Social hall. The concert was given under the direction of Carlton W. L'Honnemieu and was well attended and appreciated.

The spring vacations for Mount Hermon school and the seminary began on Wednesday and will continue until April 1st. Students left Northfield in special busses, by train and in automobiles for their home.

The next meeting of the Unitarian Women's Alliance will be held April 11 and will be the annual luncheon meeting at the home of Mrs. George N. Kidder on Parker Ave. The assisting hostesses will be Mrs. S. H. Harriman, Mrs. Charles Streeter and Mrs. Raymond Sauter. Officers of the Alliance are to be chosen for the ensuing year.

William Shumway of Boston, noted vocational consultant, addressed the students of Mount Hermon school, during the past week on the desirability of discovering their life work.

Shumway said that "if a young man is really looking for a job his chances are good."

Announcements were received in town some time ago by friends of the marriage of Stanley Edward Newton of this town to Leonidas Jane Gum on Friday, Nov. 24 at Covington, Va. Mrs. Newton is continuing her teaching at a school there and Mr. Newton will remain at Wesleyan college to finish his final year.

## Cushing Hermon Debate

At Mount Hermon school Monday night Cushing academy and Mount Hermon school debated the question, "Resolved, that the Federal Government should own and operate the railroads." Cushing defended the affirmative and Hermon the negative in a no-decision debate. The Hermon debaters were Alfred W. Stiles of Onancock, Va., William Robertson of Chicago, and Robert Whitehead of Meriden, Ct. Harry A. Erickson was the critique.

## IF WE KNEW

Could we only draw the curtain  
That surrounds each other's  
lives,  
See the naked heart and spirit,  
Know what spur to action drives  
Often we should find it better,  
Purer than we judge we should,  
We should love each other better  
If we only understood.

If we knew the cares and trials,  
Knew the efforts all in vain,  
And the bitter disappointment—  
Understood the loss and gain—  
Would the grim external rough-  
ness  
Seem, I wonder, just the same?  
Should we help where now we  
hinder?  
Should we pity when we blame?

Ah! we judge each other harshly,  
Knowing not life's hidden force;  
Knowing not the fount of action  
Is less turbid at its source;  
Seeing not amid the evil  
All the golden grains of good,  
O, we'd love each other better  
If we only understood!

—Author Unknown

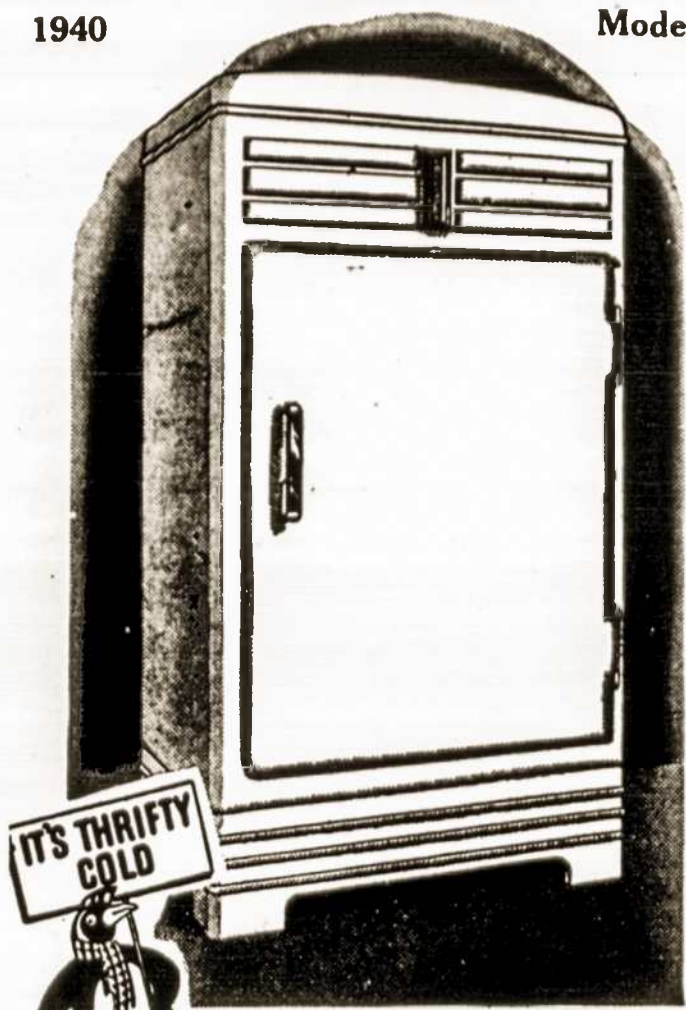
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### Plans Abandoned For Nature Camp Here

The third annual nature study camp in this state, has been abandoned according to an announcement made by Dr. William Vinal at Amherst last week. It was scheduled to meet in Northfield this summer with sessions at the Northfield hotel. Its average enrollment has been twenty students and last summer was in session down on the Cape. Although the camp was self-sustaining and did not call upon the state for financial help, it was decided to omit the entire category of summer study camps. Perhaps another year the nature camp will be included and its sessions held here.

### Returns Home By Air

Miss Claire Huber, age ten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Huber, formerly of this town, but now resident of Knoxville, Tenn., who has been spending the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Huber on Winchester Road, returned to her home recently. With her grandmother, Mrs. Max W. Huber she went to Hartford, and after saying goodbye, boarded an airplane of the American lines for Knoxville, where she arrived some eight hours later. The young lady made the trip alone and was greatly thrilled by the ride.

### Northfield Grange

There will be a regional Grange meeting Monday evening at Guiding Star Grange hall in Greenfield. Officers of Conn. Valley Pomona Grange will fill the chairs and there will be an entertainment by Deerfield Valley Pomona. Charles M. Gardner of Westfield, High Priest of Demeter is expected to be present. All 4th degree members are invited to attend.

Northfield Grange will hold a regular meeting next Tuesday evening. There will be a program and social arranged by the Home and Community Service committee. Several members will speak on famous men of Massachusetts. Applications for membership are due at this meeting.

Northfield Grange will have charge of the Grange broadcast over station WHAT this week Saturday at 12:15 p. m. The lecturer Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, will direct the program.

He: Do you think this would be a propitious time to ask your father for your hand?

She: I think it would—I've just asked him for a new automobile.

### Edit Here and Now Reno Nevada High

The first issue of "Here and Now" the organ of the Reno, Nevada High School, comes to the Editor of the Press. It is a most attractive school paper, plenty of news, well printed and ably edited. In scanning the "masthead" the names of Norman Towner, appears as Managing Editor, and Shirley Towner, City Editor. These young people are former residents of our vicinity, in the beautiful home of their parents located in Vernon. They are doing a fine thing in their new publication and the young folks of Reno High School should be proud of them. The Editor is passing on the worthwhile publication to our own Northfield High for its inspirational qualities.

### Church Services

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Tuesday at 3, Bible class meets with Mrs. Colton; leader, Mrs. Giebel. At 7:30, C. E. Cottage prayer service.

Thursday, sewing meeting of the Womens Missionary society. At 7:30, prayer service followed by choir rehearsal.

The Board of Registrars will sit at town hall, to enroll newly qualified voters, on Saturday March 30th from 7 to 9 p. m. and on Wednesday, April 20 from 12 m to 10 p. m. The primaries will be on April 30th.

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### West Northfield and South Vernon

Mrs. Anna Woodard who has been spending the past several months at Newport, N. H., has returned to the Advent Home.

David, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lilly, fell from the porch at his home, Saturday morning and cut his head. Dr. F. W. Dean took two stitches.

Mary Lou Wozniak entertained friends at her home, Saturday afternoon, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powers of Marlboro, Vt. visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Barnes, Friday, and also went to Orange to see her brother, Harold Barnes, and family.

Mrs. Frank B. Holton is able to be about the house after her recent illness.

The Mission Society of the South Vernon church held a successful social and food sale at the Vernon Home Wednesday evening. Rev. F. H. Leavitt showed pictures of scenes about the vicinity.

The play, Sparks from an Old Flame, given at the Vernon Grange last week, will be re-

peated at the South School, April 16.

There were six tables at a card party held at the Pond school Friday evening. Mrs. Suprenant and John Miner won first prizes, Harold Gould, consolation and Roger Baker door prize. Hostesses were Mrs. Martha Emery and Mrs. Ernest Johnson.

Mrs. William Hilliard is out again after an illness of more than a week.

Richard Bassett had the misfortune to break his collar bone while sliding last Sunday. He was taken to the Franklin county hospital for an X-Ray and then returned to his home.

A group of children from the Pond School will go to Brattleboro this week for a dental clinic.

Mrs. Clara Pratt is caring for a patient in Brattleboro.

Rev. W. W. Coe will preach Sunday morning at the South Vernon church at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:45. Evening services at 7 with Rev. F. H. Leavitt as preacher. Mid-week prayer meeting at the Vernon Home Thursday at 7 p. m.

Monday evening at Philip Holtons and will meet next Monday evening at Carlton Holton's.

Miss Marion Tyler returned

The Jug Wa-Eight club met home Sunday from the Brattleboro Memorial hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

About 70 relatives and friends gathered Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest W. Streeter to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The following program was given with A. A. Dunklee presiding. A violin and piano duet by Marvin Johnson and Irene Fairman; reminiscences, Rev. F. H. Leavitt; music, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Derig; reading on St. Patrick's Day, and an Ode to her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Streeter, by Mrs. Richard Phelps of Bernardston; solo, Mrs. Helen Tefft; original poem, Mrs. Ginnie Bruce; violin and piano duet, Marvin Johnson and Ellen Burrows of Bernardston; reading, Mrs. A. L. Miller; remarks and readings, Rev. E. E. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Streeter were presented several gifts as well as a wedding cake. Mrs. J. A. Scherlin presented Mrs. Streeter with a bouquet of flowers in behalf of the Pond school P. T. A. Both Mr. and Mrs. Streeter responded.

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### EDITORIAL

The day of the single room school is rapidly passing and each year throughout the nation bears witness to the consolidation of such schools as may readily be gathered together in a single district. The effort to make a consolidation is not based on purely economical reason, for savings in such instances are not realized, but for the advantage of the education of the pupils. Surely a single teacher with a single grade can secure better results with her pupils than the single teacher can with several grade studies represented in her class room. Consolidation of schools are planned and secured on the basis of common reasoning. Many factors will have to be considered when the consolidation of schools for Northfield are suggested.

A statement is being publicized by the Palisades Interstate Park Commission of New York that upwards of 206 different kinds of birds have been seen in the Hudson highland region. The counting and discovery was made by the staff of the Bear Mountain Trailside Museum. This estimate is a high figure but undoubtedly true. A few years ago a brief interest existed in counting the birds in this vicinity and reports were made by several of our citizens but the total was no where near the number reported at Bear Mountain. However our list, though not so imposing could be increased if a regular and systematic study were made. Prof. Daggett, formerly of this town, but now in Honolulu offered the record count for Northfield and vicinity some three years ago. Who will venture another test.

### TO MY MOTHER

I do not build a monument  
Of carved white marble for your sake,  
That only those who pass may read,  
And only those memorial make.  
My life must be the monument,  
I consecrate in your behalf;  
My charity must carve your name,  
My gentleness your epitaph.

Above this record I engrave,  
No drooping figure there must be;  
Straight-shouldered courage, starry-eyed,  
Must mark this scroll of destiny.

And may some fragment of your strength  
By God's great mystery fall on me,  
That through this monument of mine  
May shine your immortality.  
—Claudia Cranston

### Nature May Excel Man Planting Forest Trees

Nature may show better judgment than man in reforesting areas damaged by the hurricane, or where timber has been cut, Robert B. Parmenter, Mass. State College extension forester, said today. Mr. Parmenter pointed out that Massachusetts wood-lot owners should not be too hasty in setting out new plantings of forest trees, or replanting hurricane damaged areas, for "natural seedings of hardwoods, white pine, spruce, and hemlock are coming in where growing conditions permit; and Nature may do a better job than man of fitting trees to growing conditions."

Improving growing woodlands may prove more profitable than setting out new trees during the next year or so says the State College forester, especially since the supply of young trees is limited.

"A year or two is not much in the life of a forest stand and it may be wise in many cases to make a thorough study of soil and growing conditions before setting out new trees."

Using white pine as an example, Mr. Parmenter stated that it grows better in a natural seeding of two or three thousand trees to the acre than in a man-made planting of only a thousand or so. "The dense natural stand protects the young trees against damage by the white pine weevil, but few farmers can afford to plant as many trees to the acre as Nature does. Good stands of white pine may be grown on good sandy loam soil where there is a reasonable amount of natural shade."

New stands of white pine are appearing in many sections of the state, Mr. Parmenter observed. "These stands, densely seeded by nature, are growing well protected by their own density, or by a dense-crop of gray birches. The natural rotation has been from white pine, once the pride of New England forests, to miscellaneous hardwoods, which in turn have been removed, and now, under a dense crop of gray birch, white pines are again coming in. Mr. Parmenter believes that some of this fast-growing white pine can be developed by proper woodlot management into very profitable timber stands."

"The white pine weevil attacks the leader or growing tip of the tree, which causes crooked growth after the weevil has done its work. In close natural stands the pressure of the surrounding trees makes the damaged ones grow straight." Advice on planting forest trees may be obtained from county agricultural agents the State College or the State Dept. of Conservation.

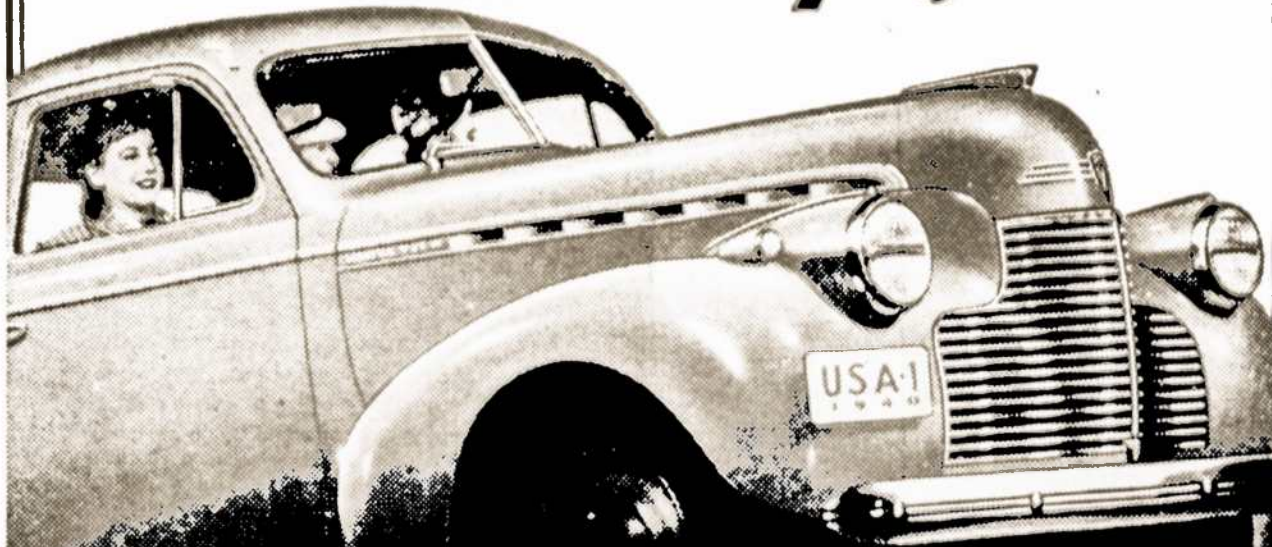
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